

(Signed) H. W. WHITEFIELD.
General and Lieutenant-Governor.

Despatch from the EARL of KIM-
TO THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE
GOVERNMENT.

DOWLING-STREET, 1 April, 1871.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
No. 19, dated the 6th of
enclosing a Memorial addressed to
the chairman, vice-chairman, com-
missioners, and members of the
of Commerce, requesting me
instructions to the Governor of that
discontinue the system of licensing
houses.

I inform the memorialists in reply,
Majesty's Government are aware
importance of the question, and that
of Sir R. MacDonnell to the
the whole matter, with a view to
the system of licensing
houses.—I have, &c.,

(Signed) KIMBERLEY.

FORANUM BY THE PROTECTOR
OF CHINESE.

Petition respecting his Excellency
Lieutenant-Governor to apply to the
Government for leave to close the
houses, licensed for Asiatics, is more
likely signed or sealed than any other
which has emanated from the
community since my tenure of office.
I am, however, the fact of such a
being so numerously signed, would
be that those into whose hands it is
to pass.

It is necessary for me here to express
the subject of the Petition,
I mention that as far as I can learn
no general objection among the
community to the system of licensing
houses; indeed, on the contrary,
and substantial men, who are not
any interested in the licenses are in
in favour of, and in other cases
be to the action of the Government
matter.

Petition can only be considered as
effort on the part of the missionaries
to put down what is so utterly
to them, as shown in their Mo-
of 1869. Instead, as the pre-
of the Memorial from themselves
same subject, the Chinese community
caused by a native preacher of
Adon. Missionary Society, who, on his
that of his coadjutors, has spared
s in collecting signatures to their
But in order to swell the number
or signatures, they have exceeded
ends of propriety, and have appear-
ed—accepting support from those
to have any weight in the con-
on of so important a question. This
incident when I add that, many of the
and seals are those of Chinese
e applied to Government for the
e of holding the licenses. Others
re those of notorious gamblers, whose
losses and of Chinese, who are
and, again, there are many
who are now participating in the lot-
married on by the licenses.

In the list of signatures, too, is
ced the name of a Chinese who was
from the Government service, and
reputation in the Colony should dis-
value of a document bearing his
important, however, to notice that
are a number of names of men and
whose support of this address is de-
of great consideration at the hands
executive, but having regard for what
reported, and the fact that a petition
subject from the Chinese community,
s, as a rule, not on its intrinsic merits,
other the Memorial from themselves, I
great reduction of crime during my
administration.

the remarks of the Chief Justice have
then received a most convincing and
corroboration in the report of the
superintendent of police, Mr. Creagh,
n the criminal statistics for last year,
have been just completed, and your Lord-
decrease in 1869, as compared with
of 22.6 per cent. in serious offences, or a
184 per cent. in minor offences, or a
altogether of 1,104 cases, the total
668 having been 5,705, and of 1869,
myself taken a very active part in
surveillances of the police, and exercised
vigilance in the examination of the reports of
and ascertaining the steps adopted in
serious cases for detection and punishment,
anxious to compare the statistics of
e during the six months preceding my
Government and the six months of last year.
at return will be found in the abstract
ended to the enclosed report, and, as a
comparison of the statistics for 1869,
decrease of 51 per cent. in serious
cases, and 45.6 in all others, or an average
on the whole of 47.9.

In this result is the more gratifying, as on
comparing Appendix C, which gives the com-
tary quarterly returns of larceny amongst
of licensed gambling houses in 1867,
of the nature have been gradually
diminishing from a quarterly average of 80
upwards till they fell to 10 cases last
year, of which five were discharged.

I am not aware that the criminal statistics
of my British Colony have ever shown so
marked a decrease of crime in the same
period.

I observe that in the *Daily Press* it has
been suggested that the returns of crime are
merely because the facility of concealing
crime is greater, a deduction wholly inconsis-
tent with the marked general improvement
of the police, and the removal of former most
important causes of corruption in that force.

I enclose the summary for the last mail the editor
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tice, the Council, and the Bar, and for which
there is not slightest foundation.

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the time heard of cratier coquetting than
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of anything in the line which at all ap-
proaches it in abnility of autopsies.—*Albion*.

Richard MacDonnell on
the Police Force.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
12th April, 1870.

(Received 6 June, 1870.)

It affords me very great
pleasure to transmit to your Lordship the
statistics addressed by the Chief Justice
at the close of the last criminal
year, when the small number of cases in
calendar appear to have impressed his
Lordship led him to comment on the ap-
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